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SUBJECT: SORSA VISIT

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1. FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTER SORSA'S VISIT TO OSLO
(FEB 5-7) PRODUCED TWO POINTS OF INTEREST:
(A) PROPOSED NORDIC INVESTMENT BANK COOPERATION WITH SOVIET UNION AND (B) RESURRECTION OF KEKKONEN PLAN FOR NORDIC
NUCLEAR FREE ZONE. OTHERWISE VISIT WAS ROUTINE AND
FRIENDLY, ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY DIVISION CHIEF
FOR WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS LANGAKER.

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2. MAJOR THRUST OF SORSA VISIT WAS PROPOSAL THAT THE

NORDIC INVESTMENT BANK COOPERATE ON JOINT PROJECTS WITH SOVIET UNION AND PLAND (PRESUMABLY IN THOSE COUNTRIES) TO INCLUDE SUBSTANTIAL "NORDIC" FUNDS PLUS CREDITS. FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND, RECOGNIZING THE SORSA PROPOSAL AS AN OUT-GROWTH OF HIS RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW, SAID IT WAS NORWAY'S UNDERSTANDING THAT THE NORDIC INVESTMENT BANK WAS CREATED TO CONSIDER PROJECTS WITHIN THE NORDIC AREA AND HE KNEW OF NO BASIS FOR EXPANDING THIS TO INCLUDE THE SOVIET UNION OR POLAND. LANGAKER REPORTED THAT NORWEGIAN REACTION WAS QUITE NEGATIVE AND HE UNDERSTOOD THE SWEDES WERE ALSO CONFUSED BY THE FINNISH PROPOSAL. FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS WELL PREPARED HAVING INTERPRETED SORSA'S ADDRESS REPORTED REF A AS A PRELUDE TO HIS OSLO VISIT.

3. SORSA RAISED KEKKONEN PLAN FOR NORDIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE AND WAS INFORMED CATEGORICALLY THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE NORWEGIAN POSITION (SEE REF B FOR NORWEGIAN POLICY ON NORDIC NFZ). REPORTS IN FINNISH AND NORWEGIAN PRESS THAT NORWEGIANS HAD BEEN "MORE UNDERSTANDING" RE KEKKONEN PLAN IS QUITE INCOMPREHENSIBLE TO NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

4. ONLY OTHER SUBJECT OF INTEREST WAS FINNISH REQUEST TO NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT FOR 1.5 MILLION TONS OF NORWEGIAN CRUDE OIL PER YEAR. RESPONSE BY NORWEGIAN MINISTER OF INDUSTRY BJARTMAR GJERDE WAS THAT IT WOULD BE 1977 OR LATER BEFORE THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT ACQUIRED ANY OIL OVER WHICH IT WOULD HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANT CONTROL. GJERDE INFORMED SORSA THAT SWEDES WOULD SOON ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH STATOIL, THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION DEALING WITH EXPLORATION/EXPLOITATION OF OIL RESOURCES, AND SUGGESTED THAT FINNS FOLLOW SAME COURSE.

5. DURING COURSE OF VISIT, SORSA MET WITH PRIME MINISTER NODLI AND TOP OFFICIALS OF LABOR PARTY AND LO AS WELL AS MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INDUSTRY. ATMOSPHERICS INCLUDED LARGE DOSES OF USUAL FINNISH EMBROIDERY ON PEACE AND COOPERATION IN THE NORDIC AREA WHICH
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